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Ms. Victoria Rutson
Chief, Section of Environmental Analysis
Re; Docket #35087
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, SW
Washington, DC. 20423-0001

RE: Canadian National Railway Purchase of the EJ&E.

As a resident of a community that will be greatly harmed by the number of freight trains that would operate through the region if Canadian National Railway (CN) is allowed to purchase the EJ&E rail line, I ask that you do everything in your power to stop this deal from occurring.

If Canadian National is able to take over the local rail line in my area in Aurora it will **directly impact my family's health and safety**. It will cause danger, pollution, noise and stress and impact our quality of life and health very directly in a many ways.

Blocked Access to our Hospital!

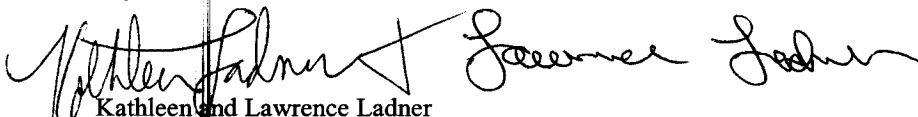
All of the local rail crossings already see delays and problems from constant freight traffic. Edwards Hospital is on the other side of those crossings and I was very conscious of that when I rushed my husband to the hospital after an accident gashed his leg recently. If it had been a heart attack and all those trains routinely block our access to the hospital my family members could die before they can get to the hospital!

The extreme burden of the cost to us the tax payers to upgrade the crossings will cost my family and the other Illinois taxpayers **BILLIONS of dollars. How is this in anyone's best interest except Canadian Nationals?**

More danger to our children from increased train traffic in the area!

I was a passenger in the train that hit and killed the pedestrian in Lisle this Wednesday and with more trains there will be more accidents **ESPECIALLY with Canadian National's TERRIBLE SAFETY RECORD!**

No Americans benefit in any way from this deal! The only people who benefit from this is another country and a Canadian company at the cost of the health, safety and quality of life to all the American families that sit along the path of this rail line throughout the whole State and beyond.


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